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I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed Microsoft settlement.

In contrast to the alternatives proposed by the non-settling states and by the companies which have used this lawsuit as a means of harassing Microsoft, the proposed settlement is reasonably based on the decision of the Court of Appeals.

In my book "Antitrust after Microsoft," I argue that one of the central flaws of antitrust law is its erratic and unpredictable application. Another flaw is how often companies are targeted as a result of politics and lobbying. The Microsoft case was an egregious example of both. Settling the case would not only be good for the American economy, it would be a constructive step forward for the rule of law.

Sincerely,
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